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In re application of:

Applicants : Constantine Tsikos et al.
Serial No. : 10/059,051
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Title of Invention : PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION MODULES (PLIMS)
EMPLOYED IN A PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION AND
IMAGING (PLIIM) SYSTEM
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Sir:


In response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on February 2, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b), in order to overcome the Examiner's provisional rejection of the claims under the judicially-created obviousness-type double-patent rejection.

In view, therefore, of the timely-filed Terminal Disclaimer attached hereto, the present invention defined by Claims 32-37 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340.

Respectfully submitted,

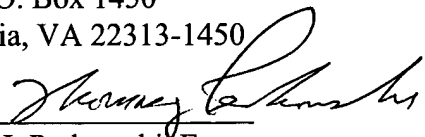
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